

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 14-24 and allowed claims 25-29. Applicants have canceled claims 14-24 reserving the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 14-24 in one or more continuation applications. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative below if any questions arise or she may be of assistance to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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